

When you consider the various connotations of the word *Qital*, major, important Arabic dictionaries would tell you that the word *Qital* also has the connotation of hot debate or disagreement or opposition or hostility and so on and so forth so *Qital* also means to defeat someone in argumentation. So the Holy Prophet ﷺ himself has thrown light in what sense he has used the word *Qital* as applicable to the time of the advent of the Messiah when he comes next time, because also he himself will be *Hajij*, he will not be *Qatil* of Antichrist. So also the Messiah would be *Hajij* and not the *Qatil* of, that is to say murderer or killer, of the Antichrist. He will be defeated in arguments and that is how he will be murdered in essence, not physically. So that is why the Holy Prophet ﷺ has mentioned *Bab e Lud* in the same sense. *Lud* means to exceed beyond moderacy in your argumentation, [to] become illogical so that the person with whom you are arguing is unnecessarily involved in lengthened out debate because of the wrong attitude of his opponent. So although both are involved in that *Lud* it doesn't mean that both are wrong. If one adopts a wrongish attitude the other is also involved and dragged out in that debate. So the Holy Prophet ﷺ has mentioned that *Masih* would kill *Dajjal* at the Gate of Lud and the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) has argued that here it means that he will defeat him in argumentation and on the other hand his attitude would be that of obstinate mulish argumentator without any real substance. Now I think some time ago it was pointed out by Hazrat Maulawi Jalaluddin Shams Sahib or somebody else that when they first discovered there was a Ludgate in London that is the *Lud* which was mentioned in the *Hadith* because of course it is a metaphorical application of the word *Lud* but if also there is physically some place as Ludgate and if a debate of Ahmadiis against Christians begins to take place around this area then the Prophecy is in the heart of Christianity (London at that time was the heart of Christianity of course you must remember. It was the heart of the Christian world critically as well as religiously), so for *Bab e Lud* to be found in London is a very interesting coincidence. *Lud* also further explains the word *Hajij* - that it will be a debate which will destroy Christianity and not the real physical murder of some Christians.

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